

III. REMARKS

1. Claims 1-23 remain in the application. Claims 1, 11, 16 have been amended.

2. Applicants appreciate the courtesies extended by the Examiner during the Examiner's Interview of 2 November 2005. Applicants have amended the claims as discussed and respectfully submit that the claims are allowable.

3. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1, 2, 11, 12, 16, and 19 are not anticipated by Goñi et al. (US 5,991,164, "Goñi") under 35 USC 102(e).

Goñi fails to disclose or suggest that the access point is a base station for offering a wireless connection to a terminal, as recited by claim 1.

Goñi discloses a fixed cellular terminal (FCT) formed by the LIP and the RCP and used as a network interface for an analog phone. The FCT is a terminal device and is clearly not a base station for offering a wireless connection to a terminal.

Claims 11 and 16 are directed to similar subject matter. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 1, 11, and 16, and dependent claims 2, 12, and 19 are not anticipated by Goñi.

4. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 3-5, 8, 13, 17, and 18 are patentable over the combination of Goñi and Mills Jr. (US 6,665,529, "Mills") under 35 USC 103(a).

Claims 3-5, 8, 13, 17, and 18 depend from claims 1, 11, or 16. Mills fails to disclose or suggest the features of the independent claims missing from Goñi, in particular, that the access point is a base station for offering a wireless connection to a terminal.

5. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 6, 9, 10, 14, and 20 are patentable over the combination of Goñi and Widegren et al. (US 6,374,112, "Widegren") under 35 USC 103(a).

Claims 6, 9, 10, 14, and 20 depend from claims 1, 11, or 16. Widegren fails to disclose or suggest the features missing from Goñi, that is, that the access point is a base station for offering a wireless connection to a terminal.

6. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 7, 15, 21, and 23 are patentable over the combination of Goñi, Widegren, and Mills under 35 USC 103(a).

Claims 7, 15, 21, and 23 depend from claims 1, 11, or 16. For all the reasons stated above, Applicants submit that neither Widegren nor Mills provides the features of the present-independent claims lacking in Goñi.

7. Applicants respectfully submit that claim 22 is patentable over the combination of Goñi, Mills, and Widegren under 35 USC 103(a).

As argued above, the combination of Goñi, Mills, and Widegren fails to disclose or suggest all the features of claim 1 from which claim 22 depends, and therefore Applicants respectfully submit that claim 22 is patentable over the cited combination of art.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are clearly novel and patentable over the prior art of record, and are in proper form for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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